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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2009—10 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 213

Introduced by Assembly Member Bonnie Lowenthal

February 2, 2009

An act to amend Section 22502 of the Vehicle Code, relating to vehicles.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 213, as amended, Bonnie Lowenthal. Vehicles: parking.

Existing law generally requires a vehicle, stopped or parked upon a roadway where there are adjacent curbs, to be stopped or parked with the right-hand wheels of the vehicle parallel with and within 18 inches of the right-hand curb, with specified exceptions, including authorizing a vehicle to be stopped or parked with the left-hand wheels parallel to and within 18 inches of the left-hand curb on a one-way roadway.

This bill would allow local authorities to permit vehicles to park on the left-hand side of the roadway parallel to and within 18 inches of the left-hand curb on a two-way local residential street that dead-ends with no designated area in which to turn around provided that *the local authority makes a finding, supported by a professional engineering study, that the ordinance or resolution is justified by the need to facilitate the safe and orderly movement of vehicles, and the applicable streets are demarcated with signs or markings giving adequate notice of the parking allowances.*

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 22502 of the Vehicle Code is amended to read:

22502. (a) Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, a vehicle stopped or parked upon a roadway where there are adjacent curbs shall be stopped or parked with the right-hand wheels of the vehicle parallel with and within 18 inches of the right-hand curb, except that motorcycles shall be parked with at least one wheel or fender touching the right-hand curb. Where no curbs or barriers bound a two-way roadway, right-hand parallel parking is required unless otherwise indicated.

(b) The provisions of subdivision (a) or (e) do not apply to a commercial vehicle if a variation from the requirements of subdivision (a) or (e) is reasonably necessary to accomplish the loading or unloading of merchandise or passengers on, or from, the vehicle and while anything connected with the loading, or unloading, is being executed.

This subdivision does not permit a vehicle to stop or park upon a roadway in a direction opposite to that in which traffic normally moves upon that half of the roadway on which the vehicle is stopped or parked.

(c) Notwithstanding subdivision (b), local authorities may, by ordinance, prohibit commercial vehicles from stopping, parking, or standing on one side of a roadway in a business district with the wheels of the vehicle more than 18 inches from the curb. The ordinance shall be effective only if signs are placed in the areas to which it is applicable clearly indicating the prohibition.

(d) This section does not apply to vehicles of a public utility when the vehicles are being used in connection with the operation, maintenance, or repair of facilities of the public utility or are being used in connection with providing public utility service.

(e) Upon a one-way roadway, vehicles may be stopped or parked as provided in subdivision (a) or with the left-hand wheels parallel to and within 18 inches of the left-hand curb, except that motorcycles, if parked on the left-hand side, shall have either one wheel or one fender touching the curb. Where no curb or barriers bound a one-way roadway, parallel parking on either side is required unless otherwise indicated.

1 This subdivision does not apply upon the roadways of a divided
2 highway.

3 (f) ~~Local authorities~~ *A local authority* may, by ordinance or
4 resolution, permit vehicles to park on the left-hand side of the
5 roadway parallel to and within 18 inches of the left-hand curb on
6 two-way local residential streets that dead-end with no cul-de-sac
7 or other designated area in which to turn around, *if the local*
8 *authority has first made a finding, supported by a professional*
9 *engineering study, that the ordinance or resolution is justified by*
10 *the need to facilitate the safe and orderly movement of vehicles*
11 *on the roadways affected by the resolution or ordinance.* The
12 ordinance or resolution may designate certain streets or portions
13 of streets on which the permission applies. The ordinance or
14 resolution permitting that parking shall not apply until signs or
15 markings giving adequate notice ~~thereof~~ have been placed *near*
16 *the designated roadways.*